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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. **ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or e-mail *DMAFR@fws.gov*.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How Do I Request Copies of Applications or Comment on Submitted Applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under ADDRESSES. Please include the *Federal Register* notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an e-mail or address not listed under ADDRESSES. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see DATES) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see ADDRESSES).

B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under ADDRESSES. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal

identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, "Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government," and the President's Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009 - Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Project Survival, Dunlap, CA; PRT-58624A

The applicant requests a permit to import two cheetahs (a male and a female) (*Acinonyx jubatus*) that were captive born at Cango Wildlife Ranch, South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA; PRT-57926A

The applicant requests a permit to import one male and three female captive-bred

mandrill (Mandrillus sphinx) from Toronto, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of

enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Peter Lee, Secaucus, NJ; PRT-196626

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR

17.21(g) for red siskin (*Carduelis cucullata*), to enhance their propagation or survival.

This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Matthew Kirkwood, Lafayette, IN; PRT-63673A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the

Cuban amazon (Amazona leucocephala) to enhance their propagation or survival. This

notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Denver Zoological Gardens, Denver, CO; PRT-685150

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR

17.21(g) for the following families, genus, and species, to enhance their propagation or

survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-

year period.

Families:

Bovidae

Callithricidae

Canidae

Cebidae

Cercopithecidae

Cervidae

Equidae

Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay or ocelot)

Hominidae

Lemuridae

Rhinocerotidae

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Suidae

Tapiridae

Gruidae

Psittacidae

Sturnidae (does not include *Aplonis pelzelni*)

Crocodylidae (does not include American crocodile)

Iguanidae

Testudinidae

Species:

Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*)

Andean condor (Vultur gryphus)

Lesser rhea (*Rhea pennata*)

Applicant: Forrest Simpson, Conroe, TX; PRT-115345

The applicant requests amendment and renewal of his captive-bred wildlife registration

under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include the barasingha (Rucervus duvaucelii), scimitar-horned

oryx (Oryx dammah), addax (Addax nasomaculatus), and dama gazelle (Nanger dama) to

enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted

by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Forrest Simpson, Conroe, TX; PRT-115344

The applicant requests amendment and renewal of his permit authorizing interstate and

foreign commerce, export and cull of excess barasingha (Rucervus duvaucelii) and

scimitar-horned oryx (Oryx dammah) from the captive herd maintained at his facility for

the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers

activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one

male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus pygargus) culled from a captive herd maintained

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under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: John Warren, Austin, TX; PRT-63439A

Applicant: Jacqueline Seeno, Concord, CA; PRT-61192A

Applicant: Frank Metzger, Westerville, OH; PRT-63679A

Applicant: Paul Monsen, Salt Lake City, UT; PRT-63627A

Applicant: Michael Moore, Pocola, OK; PRT-52774A

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